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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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COUNTRY

Iraq/Iran

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SUBJECT

Various Notes: Political and Economic

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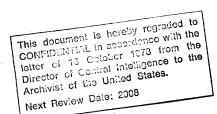
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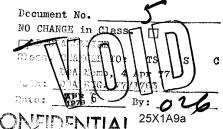
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SUPPLEMENT

ORIGIN

- The Regent of Iraq, 'Abd-al-Ilah, is at present in Baera, reportedly for the purpose of cultivating good relations with the Basrawi notables.
- 2. Reliable reports from Iran state that all A.I.O.C. (Anglo-Iranian Oil Company) geological field parties have been cancelled for two reasons:
 - They would not be safe from harm at the hands of the Qashqai and Baktiari tribes, particularly if they were under Iranian army protection; and,
 - To avoid any possibility of claims by the Terhan press that the British had interfered in tribal matters by putting parties to work in tribal areas, as agitators.
- 3. The Barzani tribesmen who left North Iraq with Mulla Mustafa are starting to return there in small groups.
- In addition to the Barzanis, a group of Assyrian families also migrated into the Diana area from Azerbaijan. The reports from these people are all alike: they prefer to take their chances in winter in North Traq, rather than remain any longer in the upset area of Azerbaijan. Apparently, promises made to them of freehold land have not been kept, food has been requisitioned without payment, taxes are levied on all occasions by any number of persons, and the small possessions which the Assyrians manage to conceal are in constant jeopardy from Democrats, Kurds, the Teiran government, and from thieves.
- 5. Ahmad Agha, the Barzani Kurd, is reported to be on the warpath once more against the Assyrians: he is said to have killed some 30 Assyrians during 1945.





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